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By his Excellency

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Thomas Chittenden

Captain General, Governor & Commander in Chief, in
and over the State of Vermont

A. M. B. C. L. B. M. B. J. O. V.

As the great first cause of all things is to be considered
our Creator, constant Preserver, and bountiful Bene-
factor; the author of all our blessings, both domestic,
civil and social; from whose bounty we are fed, and
vestments are clothed; and as the benevolent author
and former of the glorious plan of redemption, which
is the source of all our joy, and hopes, and pregnant
with every blessing pertaining to eternal life through
Jesus Christ our Lord: - so these considerations teach
us all the duty and fitness of ascribing praise to our
God, and unitedly invite us with one heart to this
agreeable and joyful service,

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the advice
of Council, and in concurrence with the General
Assembly, to set apart a day for public thanksgiving,
and do therefore set apart and appoint Thursday
the Twenty Ninth day of November next, to be
observed as a day of public thanksgiving through
this State; and do hereby earnestly recommend to
ministers and people of every denomination, to
meet on said day for public worship, and unitedly
ascribe sincere and hearty praise to God, through
Christ, for the innumerable streams of his goodness,
which we have experienced - that he hath granted
us the enjoyment of health through our borders -
blessed us with a rich and plentiful harvest,
and ordered the seasons in mercy, and gladdened
our hearts with every temporal favor. - that
he hath caused iniquity to cease -

continued peace and tranquility, and a righteous
administration of government; and hath especially
presented to us the glad tidings of salvation,
blessing us with the light and invitation of the gospel
of peace and for every gracious interposition in
favor of the kingdom of his son, - and furthermore -
- one let the prayers of all unitedly meet, through
Christ, at the throne of of grace, that God for
the ensuing year) would preserve us from every
desolating judgement, and surround us with
the effusions of his benevolence in blessings, both
civil, temporal, domestic, and social, and crown
the year with his goodness - That he would
establish government upon a firm and equitable
basis causing a righteous and impartial adm-
- inistration of it - that vice may be discountenanced,
and virtue promoted - That he would defend us
against every domestic and foreign enemy, and
give us favor with the United States of America,
and the nations of the world, that we may live in
quietness, peace and safety - That he would smile
propitious on every part of our land, and incline
our states to conduct in every respect with real
dignity and true greatness, that they may enjoy
the friendship and esteem of other states, kingdoms
and empires of the earth - That he would pour
out his holy spirit upon all - spread a preached
gospel - extend and multiply his churches with
real saints, and carry on his work where
it is now begun, with an increasing enlargement,
and cause the blessed era soon to commence;
when peaceable and joyful kingdom of
Christ our Lord shall fill the earth

and GOD be service, praise and exalted through the
~~month~~ by every national creature, to the everlasting
 praise and glory of his grace

All service labor is forbidden on said day
 Given under my hand in the Council Chamber
 at Winbury, this 12th day of October in the year
 of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
 eighty seven; and in the eleventh year of our
 independence

Thomas Chittenden

By his Excellency's Command

Joseph Gray Secretary

GOD, SAVE THE PEOPLE.